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## GERMANS CAUTION AMERICA

Sends Urgent Warning Against Traversing War Zone.

Says All Neutral Markings Must Stand Out Plainly.

Must Flash Lights at Night

Washington, May 29.—An urgent warning to American shipping against traversing the naval zone incautiously and to have all neutral markings displayed as conspicuously as possible, including illumination at night, was communicated to the state department today by the German government, through the American embassy at Berlin.

**Germany's Warning.**  
The German warning was announced in the following statement, made public by the state department: "The American ambassador at Berlin has been informed by the German foreign office that in view of the fact that during the last few weeks it has repeatedly occurred that neutral ships have been sunk in the waters designated as an area of maritime war by the German admiralty on Feb. 4, 1915, and especially in one case where it was established that the sinking was traceable to an attack by a German submarine, which in the darkness took the neutral ship for an English vessel, on account of the inadequate illumination of its neutral distinctive markings, the German foreign office recommends that American shipping circles again be warned against traversing the area of maritime war incautiously, and also be urged to make the neutral markings as plain as possible and especially to have them illuminated promptly and sufficiently at night."

**Plunger Menaces U. S. Ship.**  
Washington, May 29.—The American station ship Scorpion narrowly escaped being torpedoed by a German submarine today. The Scorpion was en route to Constantinople. Ambassador Morgenthau reported to the state department today that the ship has been requested to shift her anchorage on account of possible danger also from the fire of the shore batteries.

**STEAMER ETHIOPE SUNK**  
German Submarine Sinks Still Another Britisher Down.

Liverpool, May 29.—The Elder Dempster line steamer Ethiopie has been torpedoed and sunk. The chief officer and sixteen men of the Ethiopie have been picked up. The rest of the crew is supposed to be in boats.

**Austrian Submarine Down.**  
Rome, May 29, via Paris.—It is officially announced that an Austrian submarine boat was sunk by Italian torpedo boats in an engagement Thursday.

The Ethiopie, of 2,475 tons net, was built in 1906 and was owned by Liverpool. She was 340 feet long. She was last reported as arriving at Hull-England, on April 22, from Lagos.

**Alabama Safety Association.**  
Birmingham, Ala., May 29.—A big field day demonstration of the Alabama Safety association was held here this afternoon in Rickwood park, exciting contests between teams of miners being the feature of the day.

## GERMANS MUST SUSPEND SUBMARINE WARFARE IF BERLIN DESIRES TO PARRY

Washington, May 29.—On the eve of Germany's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania, there are indications that President Wilson will take the position that if Germany wishes to conduct long diplomatic negotiations, she shall first suspend submarine warfare. American ships or those carrying American lives.

The admission by the German admiralty that a German submarine torpedoed the American Gulfight without warning, is taken to confirm the conclusion of the Washington government reached before the Lusitania note was sent.

Reports from Berlin that the German submarine commander had said closed investigation of the neutral or belligerent character of the Gulfight was dangerous because she was in the company of two British patrol boats was pointed out by officials as proof of their contention that German submarine commanders, without visit and search, or at least warning, are likely to subject all American vessels to the same risks as belligerent craft.

## FRENCH DECORATION MATCHES IRON CROSS



The Croix de Guerre.

Paris, May 29.—From June 1 a new decoration, the Croix de Guerre, corresponding to the Military Cross of Germany, will be noticeable on the bosoms of Frenchmen, civilian as well as military, who have been distinguished by being mentioned in the dispatches.

In point of rank the new cross comes after the Cross of Legion of Honor and the Military Medal, both of which are given for special acts of valor or public service.

## BIG DROP IN VALUE

Public Service Corporations Show Slump in Kansas.

Nearly \$10,000,000 Less Than During the Year 1914.

## GAIN FOR TOPEKA RAILWAY

Street Car Company Makes Best Betterment in State.

Street Railway, Telegraph and Pipe Line Concerns.

Valuation of property owned by public service corporations in Kansas, as returned by the state tax commission today, slumped nearly ten million dollars under the valuation returns of 1914. The commission today reported a grand total valuation of street railway, telegraph and pipe line companies amounting to \$36,043,721, as against a valuation in 1914 of \$45,738,242.

The big slump was in the valuations returned by the pipe line companies. These showed a total drop of ten million dollars, with a slight recovery by the street railways that bring the total drop to \$9,754,421.

Last year the pipe line companies reported valuations amounting to \$29,980,831. This year the valuation dropped to \$19,989,583. The big loss was in the valuation of the Empire Oil and Gas company. In 1914 it listed its property for a total valuation of \$16,622,382. This year the valuation is \$9,936,309. The Kansas Natural Gas company, which increased its property valuation from \$1,549,428 in 1914 to \$1,610,401 this year. Aside from the Empire oil company, the Topeka line represents the greatest valuation of any street railway company in the state.

Telegraph companies made no change in their valuations, the total remaining at \$2,740,302, the same as in 1914.

Of this total, \$2,270,019 was returned by the Western Union.

## WHISKY IN THE AIR

Officers Find 18 Bottles Suspended From a Wire.

For Years a Negro Has Hid 'Em Under Curtain.

Eighteen bottles of whisky hung on a wire stretched high up in a window casement in the home of Ed Davis, an ingenious colored person, who lives near the river, when a party of police and county officers co-operated in a raid on his place Friday afternoon. It was an unlucky day for Ed for that raid disclosed a hidden place the officers think he has used effectually for years.

Ed was not arrested. He is a paroled prisoner. When the officers went to look for him he wasn't there. He went away and stayed.

"I have looked through that window many times before without seeing any whisky," declared Under Sheriff Hugh Larimer. "But I never thought of looking up under the curtain after I had rolled it up. I expect Ed has used that place for years."

## TURKISH LOSSES 60,000

Advices Show Appalling Cost in Dardanelles Fighting.

Athens, May 29.—Turkish losses in the Dardanelles fighting to date total more than 60,000, according to private advices reaching here from Constantinople.

## ALL TOPEKA TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS

Practically All Business Houses Will Close Monday.

Memorial Services at the Churches on Sunday.

## OFFICIAL SERMON AT 11 A. M.

Will Be Preached by Dr. Young at M. E. Church.

There Will Be a Big Parade Monday Afternoon.

All Topeka will observe Memorial day Monday. Practically all the business houses will close. Programs will be given at the cemeteries and at the city Auditorium. The day will be observed Sunday at nearly all the local churches. The official Memorial day sermon will be preached by Dr. Benjamin Young at the First Methodist church. All G. A. R. posts and Sons of Veterans of the city will attend. The Message of Memorial Day will be Dr. Young's theme. The church is being decorated today. The services will be held in the morning. For the parade Monday afternoon, Kansas avenue will be closed by the police under the direction of Chief Parsons.

**The Parade.**  
Escorts to the veterans will be formed in four divisions at 2 o'clock at the places designated in the program of the parade. The line of march will be from Fifth and Quincy streets to the Fifth to Kansas avenue, south on Kansas avenue to Tenth street, east on Tenth to Quincy and then north to Seventh street, where the escort will form in two lines and the veterans will march between them to the Auditorium. All mounted men except the division commanders and aides will dismount.

The second, third and fourth divisions, with the exception of the Industrial school battalion, will uncover the first division and march north on Quincy street as close to the west curb as possible. All organizations will give their prescribed courtesy to the veterans as they march. The parade will be held at the north entrance to the Auditorium. Marshall's band will play as the veterans march into the Auditorium.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the boys' industrial school will give a bit.

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## NATION IN DANGER

At Least 1 Per Cent of Total Population of France Killed.

Death Loss Places Country in a Serious Situation.

Berlin, May 29.—The sufferings of France from loss of life, industrial and agricultural depression and heavy financial losses are no longer glossed over by even the most optimistic organs of the French press. Since the number of deaths by this time were put at 400,000 it is quite certain that the number would not be excessive. Thus the loss in life has been at least 1 per cent of the total population.

Since the beginning of the war the death rate has almost doubled. A great decrease of the birth rate is inevitable. A nation of great vitality can replace even such gigantic losses in a comparatively short time. The case is different with France.

If she should maintain her boundary lines a war lasting for one year would decrease her population at least by 500,000 souls. Since the number of foreigners is also greatly diminished the sum total would be about a million. Thus France would be set back to the same position she held in 1900. Of men between the age of 20 and 40 she will not have more than the empire had in the summer of 1870.

## ARGOSIES TO SEA

Pan-American Conference Hears Plan for Merchant Fleet.

Permanent Committee From Many Nations Proposed.

Washington, May 29.—Plans for steam lines between the United States and South America were presented today by the transportation committee of the Pan-American Financial congress. A permanent committee of representatives of the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Peru was recommended.

Two subcommittee reports differing only in proposals of procedure were submitted.

Agreed by Delegates Aldao of Argentina, Caval Canti of Brazil and Cosio of Uruguay proposes a fast line of 10,000 ton steamers between the United States and Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires, capable of making the voyage to Rio in fifteen days.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair with rising temperature.

## PAGE EVIDENCE REVEALS PLUNGER HIT NEBRASKAN

Washington, May 29.—Evidence forwarded by Ambassador Page to the state department today gathered by Lieut. John H. Towers, naval attaché at London, indicates that the American steamer Nebraskan, was torpedoed by a submarine.

## STATE HAS MONEY

Kansas Holds Nearly Million and Half in Cold Cash.

Much of It Is Drawing Interest on Daily Balance.

The state of Kansas has nearly a million and a half dollars cash on hand, with more money coming after the June tax collections. An audit of the books of Earl Akers, state treasurer, showed a cash balance by the state of \$1,458,375.87.

Of the money on hands, \$1,376,644.79 is in the hands of the state. Much of it is drawing interest on the daily balance. With the collection of the June taxes next month, considerable money will be available for state purposes. This money, however, will not be drawn immediately by the state, but will remain in the hands of the county treasurers subject to draft by the state auditor and treasurer.

The audit of the treasury was conducted by Arthur Capper, governor; J. T. Borkin, secretary of state, and W. E. Davis, state auditor.

## KAW IS FALLING

Rain Has Ceased and Sunshine Is Promised Today.

All Danger From High Water Is at an End.

People who have new straw hats and summer clothes in store may get them out now for the sun is going to shine. The weather man says bright weather is on its way. The river, east and has gotten as far as Wichita.

The Kaw river started downward early this morning and at 3 o'clock the stage was 17.1 feet. At 6 o'clock last night the stage was 18.5 feet and unofficial reports say that it reached 18.3 at midnight. The Shunganunga is falling and Soldier creek dropped about a foot since midnight.

The lowest temperature last night was 49 degrees, 10 below normal for this date and within 2 degrees of the lowest record for May.

The government report for the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning showed only a few scattered showers over the entire state. The river at points above Topeka is falling although at Kansas City it is still on the rise. The stage there this morning was 22.5 feet. A rise of 1.4 feet since yesterday morning, and 1.7 feet above bank-full stage.

"The danger is over," said "Sunny" Flood this morning, "and everything is lovely."

The river fell steadily today and at 2 o'clock this afternoon the stage was 17.2 feet. The weather man says it will continue to go down slowly.

A ten mile wind from the west kept the temperature down to 17 degrees below normal. Following are the hourly temperature readings for the day:

7 o'clock ..... 50 11 o'clock ..... 52

8 o'clock ..... 51 12 o'clock ..... 53

9 o'clock ..... 51 1 o'clock ..... 53

10 o'clock ..... 52 2 o'clock ..... 54

## CLOSE ON TRIEST

Italian Victories Reported on Land, Sea and in Air.

Capture Town of Storo and Are Bombarding Riva.

Rome, May 29.—Italian victories on land and sea and in the air were reported in official dispatches to the war office and the ministry of marines today.

Italian troops are pressing in upon Triest and Gorizia and capturing one height after another in the Trentino along the Cornice Alps.

Torpedo boats engaged two Austrian submarines that attempted to attack shipping in Venice and sank one of the submarines.

Genoa, May 29.—The Italians, after a severe fight along the frontier north of Lake Iseo, have captured the town of Storo and are now bombarding Riva.

**VOTE ON TRAIN STRIKE**  
Chicago Trolley Employees Cast Ballots in Wage Demand.

Chicago, May 29.—Employees of Chicago's street car lines began voting today on the question of calling a strike to enforce their demands for a wage increase. The balloting will end tomorrow morning. Eleven thousand men are voting.

## SECRET PACT TO MAKE 4 ALLIES WORLD'S RULERS

Agreement With Italy Involves Remaking Map of Europe.

Calls for Regrouping of All Nations on Continent.

## DISMEMBERMENT OF GERMANY

War to Continue Until Teutonic Powers Agree to Yield.

No Arbitration by Any Nation; Allies to Dictate Terms.

Chicago, May 29.—The Herald prints the following: Washington, D. C., May 29.—[Special.]—The secret understanding on which Italy joined the Allies involves remaking not only the map of Europe but a regrouping of all the nations on that continent, according to information given to the Herald today by an American who has been in Rome since the war started.

The Herald's informant enjoyed peculiarly intimate relations with the diplomats of all nations who were stationed at the Eternal City, and his opportunity for securing information was such that renders whatever he says worthy of consideration.

Here are the plans of the Allies as outlined by him, plans that arrange the future of the world:

1. The war shall be continued until Germany and Austria are forced to accept whatever terms are given them, and each of the four great powers is pledged to continue the war until it is abandoned by the unanimous consent of the four.

2. There shall be no arbitration by Holland, America or other neutral powers, but the four Allies shall dictate the terms of peace.

3. There shall be three classes of nations established in Europe.

CLASS A shall consist of Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy.

CLASS B shall consist of Belgium, Holland, Serbia, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Roumania, Greece and Bulgaria.

CLASS C shall consist of Bohemia, Poland, Bavaria, Croatia, Hungary and the other minor states into which by racial affinities the German and Austrian empires shall be split.

4. Class A states shall guarantee the peace of Europe.

Class B states shall be entirely independent, but disputes between them must be arbitrated by the Class A states.

Class C states shall be independent, but have no armies of their own except for police duty and shall make no international treaties other than commercial or postal.

These plans, said the Herald informant, have been talked of daily for eight months among the master minds.

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## BURNS TO DEATH

Little Pauline Jacobs a Victim of Kerosene Explosion.

Was Starting a Fire to Cook Father's Dinner.

While attempting to start a fire with coal oil Friday, Pauline Jacobs, 13 year old daughter of George Jacobs, 316 Ash street, sustained burns which resulted in her death at 2 o'clock this morning.

The kerosene exploded when the girl poured it in the stove to start a fire to cook her father's dinner. The flames from the explosion ignited the girl's clothes and she ran out of the house, her screams attracting the attention of the neighbors. The wind fanned the flames and the girl received burns that this morning resulted in her death after a night of suffering.

The funeral will be held at 8 o'clock Monday morning from the St. Joseph's German Catholic church.

## BASEBALL TODAY.

**WESTERN LEAGUE.**  
Omaha at Sioux City—game postponed; rain.  
Wichita at St. Joseph—game postponed; rain.

**FEDERAL LEAGUE.**  
Newark at Chicago—double header postponed; rain. Double header with Kansas City Sunday.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
At Philadelphia—First game: Score: R. H. E. Boston ..... 1 6 2 Philadelphia ..... 2 3 1 Ruth and Carrigan; Wycoff and McAvoy.

Cleveland at Chicago—both games postponed; rain.  
New York at Washington—game postponed; rain.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.**  
Indianapolis at Cleveland—postponed; rain.  
Louisville at Columbus—game postponed; rain. Two games tomorrow. At Pittsburgh—First game. Score: R. H. E. St. Louis ..... 0 3 1 Pittsburgh ..... 0 3 0 Batteries—Griner and Snyder; Adams and Schang. Called first half sixth; rain.

## ITALIAN KING TO SPEND MUCH TIME WITH HIS ARMIES



King Victor Emmanuel.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, appreciating the inspiration his presence at the front gives to his soldiers, has concluded to spend much time with his various armies. This picture of him was snapped about two weeks ago while he was visiting one of the mobilization camps.

## DIES IN AIR DUEL

Relative of Former Imperial Chancellor Dashed to Death.

Battle With Frenchmen Starts 9,000 Feet in Sky.

Paris, May 29.—Aviator Lieutenant von Buelow, believed to be a relative of Prince von Buelow, the former German imperial chancellor, was killed near Fismas, according to the Matin, in an air duel with a French aeroplane belonging to the newly formed Rapid Squadron M. S. 12. The French pilot, describing the battle, said:

"Wednesday morning I saw an Albatross machine coming from the German lines headed for Paris, and I gave chase. He was 8,000 feet up. I went up 9,000 feet, rapidly overhauling him, and the fight began. We were now less than thirty feet from the Albatross but we were under such headway that we overshoot him and I got a bullet in the shoulder, but it did not prevent me from continuing the chase.

The Germans tried to escape by dropping, but I flew over them again. Apparently one of them was wounded. Suddenly my lieutenant got in a volley at point blank range and the Albatross tipped forward, shooting nose downwards 6,000 feet to the earth.

"When the machine struck the earth it seemed to crumple into a ball and bounced along the hillside, like a wounded rabbit running. We followed them down, descending in spirals. The pilot lay some yards away, while the observer was crumpled under the engine. In one of his pockets we found a paper bearing the name Lieutenant von Buelow, Imperial Guard.

"We found in the wrecked aeroplane ten large bombs and forty grenades.

The pilot, given his choice of the legion of honor or the military medal, chose the latter.

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## VILLA LOSES 5,000 MEN

Futile Assault on Oregon Position Costs Him Dearly.

El Paso, Texas, May 29.—The Villa army, in assaulting and failing to take the Oregon positions below Leon last week, lost more than five thousand men, according to reliable private advices received here today.

## FLAY TEUTONS IN CHILE

Germans Attacked by Mobs; Shop Windows Are Smashed.

Santiago, Chile, May 29.—Anti-German riots broke out here today. A mob broke the windows of a German shop and attacked several Germans. A prefect of police, who attempted to put down the rioting, was injured.

## BERLIN GIVES LUSITANIA NOTE TO U. S. ENVOY

Reply to United States on Plunger War, on Way.

Washington Visibly Concerned Over Anticipated Answer.

## FRIENDLY, BUT IT WON'T DO

Document Makes No Decisive Statements on Issues.

Berlin Leaves Questions Open for Further Exchanges.

Berlin, May 29.—(Via London).—The German reply to the American note expressing regrets for the "unintentional attacks" on the American steamers, Gulfight and Cushing, and offers to give compensation in any case in which Germany is found to be in the wrong.

Berlin, May 29.—The German reply to the American note regarding Germany's submarine warfare was delivered to Ambassador Gerard this morning. The reply avoids decisive statements in regard to the question raised by the United States, pending a further exchange of views. Germany suggests that cases in dispute be referred to the Hague for decision. The loss of life in connection with the sinking of the British steamer Falaba, in which an American citizen was drowned, is said to have been due to the attempt of the vessel to escape.

Washington, May 29.—Germany is willing to agree to limit her submarine warfare to merchant vessels of her enemies. She is willing to permit time sufficient for passengers and crews to take to their boats, if in doing so she does not endanger her submarines. Neutral shipping, however, must aid her by taking all precautions to establish identity.

On the eve of the receipt of the German reply to the American note this was the interpretation placed on a notification given to Ambassador Gerard by the German foreign office Friday and cabled here today.

It is important.

No attempt was made to minimize the import of the German position. Following as it did on the heels of various seemingly authentic statements that Germany should stand on what she considers her right under international law to make reprisals on her enemy's vessels, officials thought the situation none too rosy.

It is known that a summary of the note has preceded it to the state department. Secretary Bryan, however, not only refused to comment on it or to indicate whether he had made his subordinates to discuss the situation in any way.

In Washington Sunday.

The German reply, contained in five typewritten pages, was handed to Gerard at the embassy at 10 a. m. Secretaries Grew and Haverly immediately translated it and put it into German.

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## EYES FIXED ON MEXICO

President's Promised Warning Stirring Officials at Capital.

Washington, May 29.—Attention again was focused today upon Mexico as the result of President Wilson's determination to warn the Mexican leaders that conditions in the southern republic must improve or else.

The president's forthcoming pronouncement was awaited with the keenest interest here. Its contents are known only to officials who decline to reveal what it contains, except to say that recognition of any fact is not contemplated. The statement is in no way an ultimatum, but it is stated on the highest authority that its meaning cannot be mistaken. It contains no threat, but the